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Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rule was waived to allow Mr. Gorrie to make a motion.

On motion of Mr. Gorrie, House bill to be entitled an act to encourage telegraphic communication between the State of Florida and the Island of Cuba and other West India Islands, was taken up and, on motion, read the first time, rule waived, read a second and third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Crawford, Curry, Evans, Finegan, Gorrie, Hendry, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

On motion, Mr. Ross was excused from voting upon said bill.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 3d, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Pursuant to previous notice, the following bills were introduced,

viz:

By Mr. Steele:

A bill to repeal all acts regulating the license of physicians, and to establish a better system.

By Mr. Richard:

A bill to establish the records of Bradford county.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

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On motion of Mr. Evans, Mr. Keenan was excused from further attendance on the Senate till Monday next.

Mr. Evans gave notice of intention to introduce at some future day the following resolution and bills:

A resolution for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the people in regard to the establishment of a penitentiary in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the equitable adjustment of contracts made during the late war; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to ratify an ordinance of the late Convention, legalizing all laws of this State passed during and since the tenth session of the Legislature thereof, in 1860, not repugnant to the Constitution of this State or the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Steele offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Taxation and Revenue be directed to take into consideration what taxation should be placed on the fisheries of the State that will supply revenue to the Treasury of the same, and yet not discourage such enterprises, and to report the same in their bill, if deemed expedient.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following reports:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill entitled An act to authorize the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company to sell and transfer the branch road from Live Oak to the Georgia line, and for other purposes, beg leave to

REPORT :

That it has had the same under consideration, and as the constitutional question presented by said bill has been heretofore fully reported upon by the committee, and acted upon by the Senate, return the bill back to the Senate without amendment for its consideration.

E. J. VANN,
Chairman *pro tem*.

The undersigned would respectfully state, that while concurring in returning the above named bill without amendment, he does not wish to be understood as concurring in the opinion that the constitutional question alluded to in said report, which arises on this bill, has been determined by the Senate in its action on any bill heretofore reported, or which has received its sanction.

Respectfully,

HOLMES STEELE.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill entitled An act to allow William Hines to peddle in the counties of Suwannee and Lafayette, has had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That nothing has been produced before the committee to warrant it in recommending that the exclusive privilege proposed to be granted by the bill should be granted. The peddler's tax is small, and a business that will not justify the said Hines in paying said tax, it is thought, would not be of much benefit to the people of Suwannee and Lafayette, at least of such a benefit as to warrant the committee in recommending the passage of a bill which, at this time, will keep out of our impoverished Treasury the license fees now imposed by law.

E. J. VANN,

Chairman *pro tem*.

Which were read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the bill entitled an act to fix the salaries and compensation of the Solicitors of this State, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That by the act of 1854, the Solicitors were paid a salary of eight hundred dollars per annum, and no fees; by the act of 1863, that the Solicitors were paid two hundred dollars, in addition to the salary allowed them by law. Your committee beg leave to report that they are willing to allow the Solicitors eight hundred dollars salary per annum, and a fee for each indictment, as follows: For each indictment to conviction of the party so indicted, a fee of ten dollars; for each indictment where there is no conviction, a fee of five dollars.

WM. B. ROSS,

Chairman Finance Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to debar the pleading of the statute of limitation, so as to embrace a period of time mentioned therein,

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Was read a second time and on motion referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the rates of interest at which money, bonds, notes, &c., may be loaned;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Ross moved that the bill be laid upon the table;

Which was not agreed to.

On motion, the bill was referred to the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Governor to negotiate a loan for the use of the State,

Was read a second time.

Mr. Vann proposed the following amendment viz:

Insert in line twenty; after "State," "no: otherwise appropriated by law."

Which was agreed to.

Ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House resolution in relation to Lt. Gen. Grant, United States Army, and the removal of the colored troops;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Evans, Finegan, Gorrie, Hendry, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—24.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Curry and Pearce—3.

So the resolution was adopted—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

House bill to be entitled an act to prevent and punish trespass upon the public lands of the State,

Was read the third time, rule waived, and on motion placed back on its second reading.

Mr. Roper moved to amend section 14 by striking out the words "maps and plats of," and inserting "necessary information concerning."

Which was adopted.

On motion, the rule was waived and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Curry, Evans, Finegan, Go rie, Hendry, Jordan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, Vann, White and Whitehurst—24.

Nays—Messrs. Roper, Ross and Woodruff—3.

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Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal all acts regulating the license of Physicians and to establish a better system,

Was read the first time, and on motion, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the state of the Commonwealth.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the records of Bradford county and for other purposes,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow William Hines to peddle in the counties of Suwannee and Lafayette,

Was read a second time and on motion of Mr. Roper, laid upon the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company to sell and transfer the branch road from Live Oak to the Georgia line,

Came up on its second reading, and on motion of Mr. Abercrombie, 100 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the salaries and compensation of the Solicitors of this State.

Was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Brevard re-committed to the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 3, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLY,

President of the Senate :

SIR—The House of Representatives has this day adopted the following resolution, viz :

A resolution for the appointment of Commissioners for the examination of the indebtedness of the State and devising a general system of taxation for the State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and the accompanying resolution placed among the orders of the day.

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On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 4th, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 3d, 1866. }

Gentlemen of the General Assembly :

I have approved and signed a Resolution in regard to the removal of the colored troops from this State.

Also a Resolution requesting the Governor to send a deputation of three gentlemen to Washington to urge the President to have released from prison D. L. Yulee, S. R. Mallory, J. H. Gee and A. K. Allison, citizens of this State.

Also "an act to repeal an act entitled an act to consolidate the offices of Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector in Hernando County, approved Dec. 8th, 1862."

Also, a Resolution requesting the Governor to "use his utmost endeavors to arm the militia of the State."

Also, an act to encourage telegraphic communication between the State of Florida and the Island of Cuba and other West India Islands.

I have the honor to be,

Most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. WALKER,
Governor of Florida.

Which was read.

Also the following :

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 3rd, 1866. }

Gentlemen of the General Assembly :

I respectfully make the following nominations :

For Port Warden for the Port of Pensacola—George H. O'Neal.

For Commissioner of Pilotage for the Port of Jacksonville—Antonio A. Canova.